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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY II

A) STATE 61739
B) ANKARA 1133
C) STATE 62185

¶1. (SBU) In further response to Ref A points (and post's interim Ref B response), MFA has passed us a written response from the Ministry of Health.

¶2. (SBU) The GOT agrees that all countries should cooperate in sharing influenza virus samples with the Global Influenza Monitoring Network under WHO. Also, given that influenza is a global problem, a fair and just structure under WTO supervision should be established for meeting vaccine and other logistical needs.

¶3. (SBU) Smallpox vaccines should be stocked by countries to respond to a possible biological threat or for use at times of emergency. It would be appropriate for certain countries to keep smallpox viruses for research, again under WHO supervision.

¶4. (SBU) Post will endeavor to get additional information from the Health Ministry, including questions in Ref C on sample sharing and vaccine access, but many key health officials may be attending the WHA.

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